

Items of discussion will include the following:

- a. Review of results from SLF 42,
- b. Harmonization of damage stability provisions in the IMO instruments,
- c. Safety aspects of ships engaged in a ballast water exchange,
- d. Revision of the technical regulations of Load Lines Convention, and
- e. Development of the damage consequence diagrams for inclusion in damage control plan guidelines.

Members of the public may attend this meeting up to the seating capacity of the room. Interested persons may seek information by writing: Mr. Paul Cojeen, U.S. Coast Guard Headquarters, Commandant (G-MSE-2), Room 1308, 2100 Second Street, SW., Washington, DC 20593-0001 or by calling (202) 267-2988.

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Stephen M. Miller,

Executive Secretary, Shipping Coordinating Committee.

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DEPARTMENT OF STATE

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Shipping Coordinating Committee; Notice of Meeting

The U.S. Shipping Coordinating Committee (SHC) will conduct an open meeting at 10:00 a.m., on Thursday, April 8, 1999, in Room 2415 at U.S. Coast Guard Headquarters, 2100 Second Street, S.W., Washington, D.C. The purpose of this meeting is twofold: (1) to report on the results of the Diplomatic Conference on the Arrest of Ships, held March 01-12, 1999 in Geneva; and (2) to prepare for the Seventy Ninth Session of the International Maritime Organization Legal Committee (LEG 79), to be held April 19-23, 1999 in London.

This SHC meeting will address the following topics: the Convention on the Arrest of ships; the draft IMO Code or Guidelines on Shipowners' Responsibilities in Respect of Maritime Claims; the draft Protocol to the Athens Convention relating to passenger claims; a draft convention regarding bunker fuel spills; and a draft convention regarding wreck removal.

Members of the U.S. Delegation to LEG 79 will be attending a meeting, in London on April 16, regarding international efforts at ratification and implementation of the Hazardous and Noxious Substances Convention, adopted in London in May, 1996. This

SHC meeting will be a further opportunity for interested members of the public to express their views on whether the United States should ratify the HNS Convention.

Members of the public are invited to attend the SHC meeting, up to the seating capacity of the room. For further information, or to submit views in advance of the meeting, please contact Captain Malcolm J. Williams, Jr., or Lieutenant William G. Rospars, U.S. Coast Guard, Office of Maritime and International Law (G-LMI), 2100 Second Street, S.W., Washington, D.C. 20593-0001; telephone (202) 267-1527; fax (202) 267-4496.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Federal Aviation Administration

Noise Exposure Map Notice; Receipt of Noise Compatibility Program and Request for Review, Oakland County International Airport, Pontiac, MI

AGENCY: Federal Aviation Administration, DOT.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) announces its determination that the Noise Exposure Maps (NEMs) submitted by Oakland County International Airport under the provisions of Title I of the Aviation Safety and Noise Abatement Act of 1979 (Pub. L. 96-193) and 14 CFR Part 150 are in compliance with applicable requirements. The FAA also announces that it is reviewing a proposed Noise Compatibility Program (NCP) that was submitted for Oakland County International Airport under Part 150 in conjunction with the NEMs, and that this program will be approved or disapproved on or before August 25, 1999.

EFFECTIVE DATE: The effective date of the FAA's determination on the NEMs and of the start of its review of the associated NCP is February 26, 1999. The public comment period ends April 27, 1999.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: The Federal Aviation Administration, Great Lakes Region, Detroit Airports District Office, Willow Run Airport, East, 8820 Beck Road, Belleville, Michigan 48111, to the attention of Mr. Gary Migut,

Program Manager, (734) 487-7278. Comments on the proposed NCP should also be submitted to the above office.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: This notice announces that the FAA finds that the NEMs submitted for Oakland County International Airport are in compliance with applicable requirements of Part 150, effective February 26, 1999. The FAA is reviewing an NCP for Oakland County International Airport, which will be approved or disapproved on or before August 25, 1999. This notice also announces the availability of this program for public review and comment.

Under Section 103 of Title I of the Aviation Safety and Noise Abatement Act of 1979 (hereinafter referred to as "the Act"), an airport operator may submit to the FAA NEMs which meet applicable regulations and which depict noncompatible land uses as of the date of submission of such maps, a description of projected aircraft operations, and the ways in which such operations will affect such maps. The Act requires such maps to be developed in consultation with interested and affected parties in the local community, government agencies, and persons using the airport.

An airport operator who has submitted NEMs that are found by the FAA to be in compliance with the requirements of Federal Aviation Regulations (FAR) Part 150, promulgated pursuant to Title I of the Act, may submit an NCP for FAA approval that sets forth the measures the operator has taken or proposes for the reduction of existing noncompatible uses and for the prevention of the introduction of additional noncompatible uses.

Oakland County International Airport submitted to the FAA on February 24, 1999, the NEMs, descriptions, and other documentation, which were produced during the proposed Oakland County International Airport NCP, dated February 23, 1999. It was requested that the FAA review this material as the NEMs, as described in section 103(a)(1) of the ACT, and that the noise mitigation measures, to be implemented jointly by the airport and surrounding communities, be approved as an NCP under section 104(b) of the Act.

The FAA has completed its review of the NEMs and related description submitted by the Oakland International Airport. The FAA has determined that the NEMs for Oakland County International Airport are in compliance with applicable requirements. This determination is effective on February